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## BUSSES ON ROUTE FOR STUDENTS THIS SEPTEMBER IN BRANT, HALDIMAND AND NOFOLK

Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN), the consortium that manages the school bus services for the three school boards in the area, is pleased to award transportation services to *Sharp Bus Lines, First Student Canada, and Lang's Bus Lines.*

Successful bus lines will be ready to send their drivers on the 376 awarded bus routes within the region, ready to pick up students for the start of school in September.

The implementation of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, a competitive purchasing practice set in the Broader Public Sector Directive and the Ministry of Finance, was instrumental in the formation of a new transportation plan that included a \$6 million cost reduction for student transportation services for a five-year term.

### QUOTES

"This effort proves that amalgamated transportation services works. We have a plan that operates with a significant reduction in the cost of student transportation over a five-year period and ensures that safe and effective transportation is available for all students."

***Dan Dignard**, Trustee and Director of the STSBHN Consortium representing Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board*

"The RFP process has been a positive exercise that allowed the Consortium to find significant savings over the course of the bus service contracts. We're in a great position to put more money back into the classroom for student success as a result of this process."

***Don Werden**, Trustee and Director of the STSBHN Consortium representing Grand Erie District School Board*

"We are pleased with what came out of the RFP process and it shows our commitment towards competitive procurement of services."

***Bobby Somaroo**, Head of Business and Director of the STSBHN Consortium representing Conseil du district catholique Centre-Sud*

### FACTS

- All school boards must have home-to-school transportation services competitively procured for the start of September 2013
- The RFP was released January 17, 2012 and closed February 22, 2012 with a scheduled start date of September 2012
- 12 responses were submitted to the RFP
- A three-person panel was established to evaluate proponent's responses to the RFP
- The term of the agreement is five years with three one-year optional extensions

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